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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2012-D-0848]

Draft Compliance Policy Guide Sec. 550.050 Canned Ackee, Frozen Ackee, and Other Ackee Products--Hypoglycin A Toxin; Availability

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing the availability of a draft Compliance Policy Guide entitled “Compliance Policy Guide Sec. 550.050 Canned Ackee, Frozen Ackee, and Other Ackee Products--Hypoglycin A Toxin (the draft CPG).” The draft CPG, when finalized, will provide guidance for FDA staff on our enforcement criteria for canned ackee, frozen ackee, and other ackee products that contain hypoglycin A.

DATES: Although you can comment on any CPG at any time (see 21 CFR 10.115(g)(5)), to ensure that FDA considers your comment on the draft CPG before it begins work on the final version of the CPG, submit electronic or written comments on the draft CPG by [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit written requests for single copies of the draft CPG to the Division of Compliance Policy (HFC-230), Office of Enforcement, Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., Rockville, MD 20857. Send two self-addressed adhesive labels to assist that office in processing your request, or fax your request to 240-632-6861. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for electronic access to the draft CPG.

Submit electronic comments on the draft CPG to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit written comments to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

We are announcing the availability of the draft CPG entitled “Compliance Policy Guide Sec. 550.050 Canned Ackee, Frozen Ackee, and Other Ackee Products--Hypoglycin A Toxin.” The draft CPG is intended to provide guidance for FDA staff regarding hypoglycin A in canned ackee, frozen ackee, and other ackee products. We have concluded that canned ackee, frozen ackee, and other ackee products containing concentrations of hypoglycin A above 100 parts per million (ppm) have not been processed properly, and that the finished product may be injurious to health. As stated in the draft CPG, canned ackee, frozen ackee, and other ackee products may be considered adulterated within the meaning of section 402(a)(4) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 342(a)(4)) when hypoglycin A is present in the food at levels greater than 100 ppm. The draft CPG also contains information that may be useful to the regulated industry and to the public.

The draft CPG is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft CPG, when finalized, will represent our current thinking on hypoglycin A in ackee products. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternate approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes and regulations.

II. Comments

Interested persons may submit either written comments regarding the draft CPG to the Division of Dockets Management (see ADDRESSES) or electronic comments to <http://www.regulations.gov>. It is only necessary to send one set of comments. Identify comments with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and will be posted to the docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

III. Electronic Access

Persons with access to the Internet may obtain the draft CPG either from FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs history page at http://www.fda.gov/ora/compliance_ref/cpg/default.htm or from <http://www.regulations.gov>. Always access an FDA guidance document by using FDA's Web site listed in the previous sentence to find the most current version of the guidance.

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